



OFFICE OF THE
Fire Commissioner,
BRISTOL STREET.

Boston, October 13, 1925.

GENERAL ORDER No. 48.

I. MERITORIOUS ACTS — 1923.

The Board of Merit for 1923 has submitted the following report and recommendations to the Fire Commissioner. This Board comprised

Deputy Chief FRANK A. SWEENEY	Division 2.
Deputy Chief HENRY POWER	Division 1.
Captain CHARLES T. FARREN	Ladder 4.
Lieutenant JOSEPH T. HUMPHREY	Engine 26-35.
Ladderman DENNIS F. DALY	Ladder 7.

The medals recommended were awarded at the Fire Commissioner's office on October 13, 1925.

1. On arriving at 7 and 9 Willow street, Boston, in response to an alarm of fire from Box 1374 at 6.15 p. m., June 22, 1923, Capt. Daniel J. O'Brien of Engine Company 10 was informed that a child was trapped in the rear room on the first floor and that previous attempts to rescue her were made without success. The rooms were entirely involved by fire which had extended externally to the second floor. The hall and stairway were completely charged with smoke. Captain O'Brien entered the rooms, made search and finally located the child, Geraldine Smith, age five years, in a bed in an alcove off the rear room, with the bed clothing covering the child afire. He removed the child to the street in an unconscious condition where the child was revived. A slight delay would, no doubt, have proven fatal to the child. Captain O'Brien was severely burned about the face, hands, legs and clothing.

For this act of heroism Capt. Daniel J. O'Brien of Engine Company 10 is awarded the John E. Fitzgerald Medal for 1923.